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SOCCEROO WORLD CUP HOPES SUNK

By LES SHORROCK

AUSTRALIA kissed its World Cup hopes goodbye on Sunday when it failed to beat Israel at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Whilst that statement is factually correct, the reality is that the cause was lost on Sunday April 2 when the New Zealanders beat the Socceroos 2-0.

On that fateful Sunday I watched the SBS telecast from the start and coverage included footage of SBS court jester Andy Paschalides interviewing both the New Zealand and Australian squads at training.

The conrast in attitudes was striking.

The recalled expatriates, Robert Ironside and de Jong looked grimly determined (Paschalides overlooked Billy Wright, which shows what he knows), whilst the Socceroos looked like schoolboys on a picnic.

They were so light-hearted that my heart sank, it was so obvious that they viewed certain victory as a mere formality.

Their approach to that game was their first mistake, the next one was a tactical one.

The Socceroos were goners once they started believing they were a good team.

When players like Charlie Yankos start playing the short stuff coming out of defence instead of giving it the wellie, you know we are going to be in trouble.

As for goalscoring, forget it.

In that game it seemed the oly game plan we had was to get a free-kick within shooting range and for Yankos to hit it as hard as possible.

It had worked a couple of times, but it couldn't go on being successful.

Then, of course, after that debacle the panic set in and we sent SOS signals out everywhere.

And to what end?

After we had paid the overseas mercenaries $10,000 apiece to fail to score a goal, it was left to the little blonde kid from Brighton to show them how, so much for master-coach Arok's planning.

In the end it might be a merciful release, because Colombia or Paraguay or Ecuador would have given us the mother and father of a hiding anyway.

$3 MILLION EDDIE KRNCEVIC

● Socceroo Eddie Krncevic has transferred from Anderlecht to newly-promoted French 1st Div. Club Mulhouse, in a 3 year deal worth $3 million.

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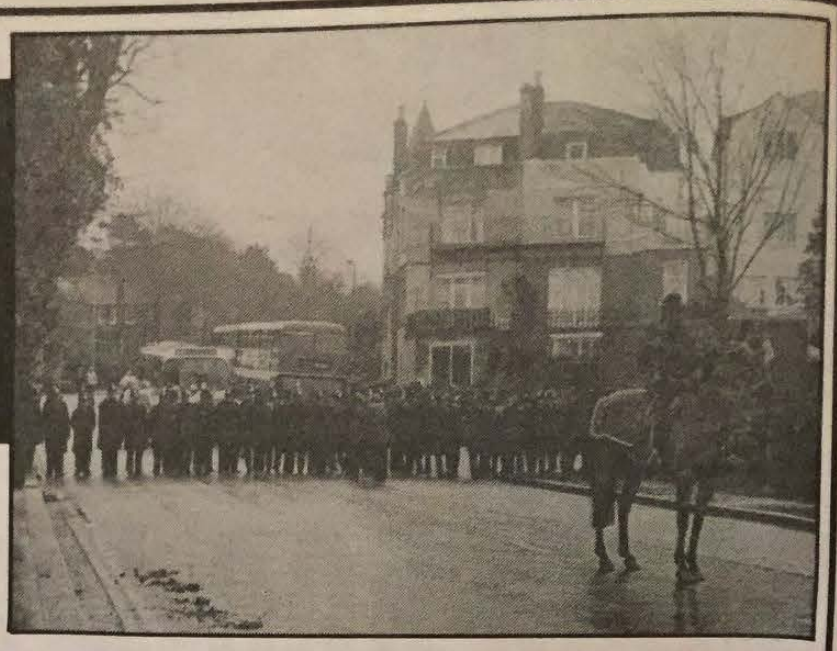
COMMENT

I had just started writing this column on Sunday morning when I heard the news about the Sheffield disaster which absolutely shattered me.



● The thin blue line of police separates Portsmouth and Brighton fans.

By LES SHORROCK

Suddenly, it seemed, soccer's whole world had been dealt another crippling blow, just as we were beginning to recover from the Heysel disaster of three years ago and here I was trying to find enough trivia to fill a Snippets column.

The week up till then had been so full of promise too; UEFA had finally relented and conditionally allowed English clubs back into European competition and here at home there was the prospect of a full house in Sydney to see the Socceroos get past their perpetual foe the Israelis. But the euphoria all vanished, to be replaced by this recurring nightmare of soccer tragedies that seemed to dog the world's most popular sport.

FOR ME IT WAS BOLTON RELIVED.

What brought that Saturday's horror home vividly to me was the memory of going through the same experience, 43 years ago, at Bolton.

1946 was the year when British football re-started after World War II and so the attendances were huge everywhere for any sort of a match and the FA Cup being the magnet it is, people were flocking to Cup matches all over the country.

So it was that when two of the most attractive teams in the country at the time, Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City were drawn to meet in the Sixth Round at Bolton, a big attendance was certain.

Stoke finished fourth in that season, pipped for the championship by Liverpool by a mere two points with the great Stanley Matthews turning on the magic everywhere he went, whilst battling Bolton had enjoyed a marvellous Cup run to compensate for a disappointing League season.

With the benefit of hindsight, it was a recipe for disaster.

After years of war-time neglect, most football grounds in the country were in a shocking state of disrepair and incapable of coping with the game's sudden surge in popularity.

It is sobering to think how narrowly disaster was averted two years later when Manchester United (playing temporarily at Maine Road because of bomb damage at Old Trafford) attracted the Football League record crowd of 83,260 for its game against Arsenal on a bitter January afternoon.

The problem with Bolton's Burnden Park was that it was bounded on one side by the railway line, just as Footscray's Schintler Reserve is here, and when the gates were closed and the ground full, the disappointed fans merely walked along the railway line and climbed the fence into the back of the terracing.

You have to stand on the terraces to appreciate the force that can be generated by a crowd of several thousand when it surges forward (some engineer this week estimated it was like a ton weight hitting you in the back) and just as at Hillsborough, people at the bottom of the terraces were trampled to death, with the final toll 33 dead and over 400 injured.

Seeing it all happening from the safety of the stand was an experience I will never forget, and what angers me most is the thought that the people ruling the game never seem to learn.

LIVERPOOL HAS EVERY REASON TO BE ANGRY

There will be a full enquiry of course, but we already know about the tragedy's causes and I hope the enquiry addresses itself to such questions as to how Liverpool, a club with at least twice the following of Nottingham Forest was allotted less tickets than Forest.

The Football Association's chief executive, Graham Kelly says Liverpool supporters shouldn't be angry at the ticket arrangements, but they have every right to be.

Liverpool averages home gates of 40,000, compared with Forest's 19,000, yet Liverpool was allotted 3000 less than Forest . . . why?

Traffic flow, that's why?

Liverpool fans, expected to arrive via the Pennine motorway, were allotted the smaller Northern stand, whilst Forest supporters coming North up the M1 were put into the bigger Southern Kop.

In the event, the Forest end was only three-quarters full, whilst the Northern end was at least double-capacity.

And even after the problem became obvious and the referee abandoned the game, the police mentality shone through again as they formed a half-way line barrier to stop Forest supporters who were rushing to help.

It isn't as if the Sheffield Wednesday management are novices at staging semi-finals either, whenever two Northern teams reach a semi-final, Wednesday inevitably gets the game.

And why were the

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● Portsmith fans are frisked for weapons as they arrive for the South Coast derby.

SOCCEROOS COME BACK TO EARTH

AUSTRALIA'S spectacular efforts to soar above the mire of soccer's Third World have been dealt a savage blow — shot out of the sky on a sunny Sydney afternoon that promised so much.

No wonder Frank Arok and his players were so utterly shocked when the final, albeit premature whistle severed our World Cup lifeline.

Time and again Our Fearless Leader had told his believing charges that they were the generation that could change everything. That they were the pioneers. That they were the heroes whose deeds would give soccer in Australia the stature it deserves.

And they could have, too. But on Sunday they lost a World Cup qualifying series and with it a place in history that beckoned in a duel with South American foes.

Alas, the Socceroos of '89 are yet another generation that failed and Australian soccer must now bear the anguish of more years in the mire. Rough justice, indeed, but the Gold Cup and the Olympics will soon mean nothing more than fond memories.

In the absence of the "big bang" that undoubtedly would have followed a World Cup finals appearance, Australian soccer must find another way to spark a revolution.

Four World Cup failures and a decaying domestic competition are the legacy of the mealy-mouthed incompetents who have led Australian soccer in ever-decreasing circles. It's time for a comprehensive and independent review of Australian soccer that cuts through the self-interest that so plagues the code.

Let's have a national inquiry by dispassionate professionals to set long-term strategies to replace the short-term gimmicks.

Let's give this great game a chance to be great Down Under. By getting the basics in order, the game will give the next generation of Socceroos every opportunity to ignite the "big bang" in 1994.

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HILLSBOROUGH LEAVES US IN DESPAIR

Soccer is a source of hope and joy for so many millions from Rio to Rotterdam and beyond.

That's why the sickening calamity of Hillsborough has left such a feeling of despair around the world.

Innocent children, their helpless fathers and young men strong and true. Life itself crushed from these unwitting victims of an insane disaster. What hope is left when the simple pleasure of a soccer match is punctured by such wanton carnage?

What a cruel fate for ninety four sons and daughters to Liverpool to be killed by the excesses of their own, unknowing neighbours.

The proud city of Liverpool will long mourn its dead, but will others learn from Liverpool's misery? Failure to do so would be the ultimate tragedy of Hillsborough.

● *Ouch . . . rugged Socceroo defender Wally Savor got the worst of this clash.*

Kyle Patterson is a sports reporter for the Special Broadcasting Service. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of SBS TV.

THE RED ARMY'S AGONY

THE late Bill Shankly, perhaps the greatest Manager ever of Liverpool Football Club, once said soccer was not a matter of life and death to the people of Merseyside — it was much more important than that.

He meant that the game was akin to a religion to the folk of the north west city.

But today his words have a chilling double meaning.

Shankly believed it was impossible to overstate the importance of the game of soccer in Liverpool.

As the city mourns its dead, only the 'Scousers' will really understand what the loss of scores of lives means to the Liverpool Football Club and the people of Merseyside.

Soccer gives these people their pride.

The once great port has withered. The jobs have gone and the dole queues have grown.

But they can play soccer, and they can play it better than their richer relations in the south, better than anyone in the world, they'll tell you.

On Saturday the Red Army headed over the Yorkshire Moors to Sheffield, many with their dole money in their pockets and a cheer in their hearts, certain that their team would once again deliver the loyal fans a place in the FA Cup Final at Wembly.

Afterwards, as they made their way home after the disaster at Hillsborough, the survivors demanded to know why their mates had had to die. Their grief had turned to anger.

The people of Liverpool deserve an answer as soon as possible.

Among the questions that must now be asked is why Britain's national game continues to be played in a number of stadiums that are hopelessly inadequate.

Hillsborough, one of the largest stadiums in the country, is no worse than any other.

Most were built between the world wars, many still retaining the old wooden grandstands where the fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers of today's fans once watched the game.

Not one purpose-built soccer stadium has been constructed in England since those years, although the richer clubs have been able to upgrade their facilities.

The soccer hoodlums have dictated that stadiums be turned into cages, which undoubtedly contributed to the Hillsborough tragedy.

But genuine fans have always come second. Whilst theclubs have spent staggering amounts buying and selling players and paying them vast amounts in wages, most have shown scant regard for the people who turn up week after week, in good times and bad.

Perhaps the young men who demand so much financially for their skills also have a question to answer.

Meanwhile it is ironic that European soccer authorities had only just decided to allow English clubs to once again compete internationally following the tragedy of Heysel Stadium in Belgium. It was there that Liverpool's followers were blamed for the deaths of 39 supporters.

The genuine Liverpool fan wore that disaster like a black mantle of shame.

Today Liverpool Football Club finds itself the victim.

By ALAN OAKLEY

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Deferred Matches

Blacktown city v Sydney Croatia 2.30pm at Gabbie Stadium.

Marconi v St George BSC 2.30 pm Marconi Stadium

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Wednesday May 3

Sydney Croatia v APIA 7.30 pm Croatian Sports Centre

St George v Blacktown City 7.30 pm St George Stadium

South Melb. Hellas v Melb. Croatia 7.30 pm Olympic Park

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Wednesday May 10

Melbourne City JUST v Sth Melb. Hellas 7.30 pm Olympic Park

St George BSC v Preston Makedonia 7.30 pm St George Stadium

Sydney Croatia v Marconi 7.30 pm Croatits Centre

Blacktown City v Sunshine George 7.30 pm Marconi Stadium

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Wednesday May 17

APIA Leichhardt vs Sth Melb Hellas 7.30 St George Stadium

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Wednesday May 24 NSL Cup Semi-final

APIA Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic 7.30 pm St George Stadium

CITY FOUR-GOAL BURST SINKS SUNSHINE

AD CITY 4 (Melta 33rd, 73rd, Villani 50th, Vidman 88th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0

ADELAIDE City charged into the NSL Cup semi-finals with a 4-0 win over Sunshine George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium.

MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *SERGIO MELTA*

City will play the winner of Wednesday's quarter-final between Heidelberg and South Melbourne on Anzac Day.

The venues for the semi-finals will be decided this week.

City established a 1-0 advantage by half-time but there was little conviction about its opening 45 minutes despite a controversial Sergio Melta goal in the 33rd minute.

All that changed from the start of the second half when a fired-up City bombarded the George Cross goal and deservedly increased its lead in the 50th minute through Charley Villani.

Aurelio Vidmar was the supplier from the right leaving Villani with a simple tap-in from close range.

Before that success, Steve Maxwell rammed a drive under the crossbar from a fine cross on the left by Alex Tobin.

The Socceroo defender made itr back from Sydney courtesy of national coachFrank Arok and the air traffic controllers, to take his place in the City line up.

Big Neville Flounders also qualified for the City team by throwing off his fluso City coach Zoran Matic settled for David Clarkson and Tony Vidmar as his substitutes.

Clarkson made the most of his chance after replacing another flu victim, Joe Mullen, in the 63rd minute, while Tony Vidmar came on for Maxwell in the 72nd minute.

Clarkson enhanced his future prospects with a lively, non-stop aggressive display, while Tony Vidmar capped his brief appearance by scoring City's fourth goal two minutes from the final whistle.

Sunshine coach John Gardiner introduced his new Irish signing Pat Morley and promoted youth team defender George Alevizos.

City captain Sergio Melta ended the tie with two goals, adding a 73rd minute piledriver to his first half effort.

George Cross midfielder Sean Parton was sent off in the 70th minute for allegedly elbowing Aurelio vidmar in the face.

Melta was the first to test George Cross goalkeeper Shaun Keogh with a shot in the second minute but for the next 12 minutes the chances fell to the visitor.

George Cross front runner Mark Lennon chipped over the crossbar when he tried to lob city goalkeeper Robert Zabica in the fifth minute before Milan Ivanovic performed a timely rescue act after Ossie Latif burst from the midfield.

Latif and Lennon buzzed effectively for George Cross while City indulged in a sequence of sloppy passing.

City snapped out of its lethargy in the 11th minute as Melta found Joe Mullen with a perceptive pass but the striker was ruled offside.

Former Adelaide City and English Youth international Les Carter was booked by referee Tom McRoe for a foul on City midfielder Villani in the 19th minute.

Melta followed Carter in the referee's book six minutes later when he chopped Latif down from behind.

But Melta's evening brightened considerably in the 33rd minute when he pushed the ball through the retreating George Cross defence, ran on to his own pass and lobbed into the open goal.

Linesman Tony Martell signalled offside against Mullen but referee McRoe ruled that the striker was not interferring with play and allowed Melta's goal to stand.

Amid the George Cross protests that followed the decision George Cross full back Alevizos was booked for dissent.

Substitute John Campbell was yellow-carded for a touchline foul on Clarkson in the 80th minute.

Hagan goal gives Apia late win

WOLLONGONG 1 (Ellem o.g. 27th) APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Blagojevic 37th, Hagan 114th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *KEVIN HAGAN*

A KEVIN Hagan goal six minutes from the end of extra time gave Apia Leichhardt a hard-fought 2-1 win over Wollongong City at Brandon Park.

Only 465 fans turned up to watch the game featuring two teams which were well below full strength, and it showed.

Play was scrappy for long periods and both defences revealed a glaring lack of discipline.

Wollongong dominated the first half and hit the woodwork three times before the interval, then Apia squandered three clear chances in the second half with the score 1-1.

Wollongong coach John Fleming said after the game his players should have had a semi-final berth sown up in the opening 45 minutes.

"They simply didn't punish an unusually shakey Apia defence after playing well to create chances," he said.

Wollongong went ahead in the 27th minute through a corner from midfielder Danny Crainie.

Apia goalkeeper Tony Pezzano lost the ball in flight and during a mix up in the goal mouth fullback Brian Ellem deflected a shot from Robert Giraldi over his own line.

It wasn't until the visitors equalised 10 minutes later that they really came to life.

Pedrov Ricoy operated the goal wide on the right when he beat centre half Jock Morlando and did well to cut the ball back.

It fell initially to Alex Bundalo whose attempted shot screwed off his boot and Milan Blagojevic pounced to score from six metres.

Apia should have clinched victory well before extra time became necessary.

Ricoy headed a great chance straight at goalkeeper Warwick Young then Blagojevic eluded the defence only to shoot wide from in front of the goal.

Ricoy then missed the best opportunity of the game iwth nine minutes.

Mirko Radosevljevic made the chance on the left wing, released Ricoy who had the goal at his mercy just five metres out but he shot straigh tinto the arms of Young.

With players on which both sides feeling the strain of extra time it was Wollongong who cracked in the 114th minute.

The energetic Ricoy brushed aside a Morlando challenge on the left of the penalty box and his cross headed towards two Apia teammates on the far post.

Hagan did the damage with a lot shot which gave litle chance to keeper Young.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Les,

I have just watched the game from Sydney and I was not impressed an English 2nd Division side would have beaten both teams as for the big stars, that were brought over from Chelsea and Belgium they may as well left them there and saved the air fare, the only way the Socceroos will get into the world Cup proper is for this country to have the Cup played here then we get there as the HOST NATION — YOU MUST AGREE!

Yours in Sport,

D. Gardner

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Marconi lapses against Olympic

MARCONI 1 (Nastevski 18th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Ironside 39th, Phillips 61st, Polak 72nd)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *ROBERT IRONSIDE*

TWO uncharacteristic goalkeeping errors by Marconi's Bob Catlin and a lack of cohesion in the midfield during the second half helped Sydney Olympic to win its second-round Cup tie at Marconi Stadium.

The result went 3-1 Olympic's way, yet Marconi scored first and was the classier outfit for the first half.

Olympic goes on to meet Apia Leichhardt in one semi-final, while Adelaide City plays the winner of Wednesday night's South Melbourne-Heidelberg clash in Melbourne.

Marconi missed *energetic midfielder Ian Gray, who was injured in* training during the week.

But it appeared to be moving ahead according to schedule in the 18th minute when striker Zlatko Nastevski, already with 11 NSL goals, headed home from a Fred de Jong cross.

In subsequent play Nastevski made another dangerous break only to be toiled at the last second by diving Olympic keeper Gary Meier.

Just six minutes from the break Olympic's New Zealand international midfielder Robert Ironside headed low under pressure eight metres out from the Marconi goal, with the ball spinning off Catlin's gloves for a 1-1 half time scoreline.

It was tough little Olympic midfielder Gary Phillips who turned the game around in his team's favor after the break.

In the 61st minute he hit a sizzling low drive from outside the penalty box, which took a deflection off Marconi defender Garry Gomez and flew into goal.

Marconi may have equalled the score seven minutes later had midfielder Peter Katholos placed his clear shots to better advantage.

But in the 72nd minute Olympic midfielder Jason Polak, released from the national squad, capitalised on a split ball from Catlin and sweetly tucked it away for a 3-1 victory.

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police content to open the gates and let in an estimated 4000 people into a standing area with a capacity of only 2000, as if letting them into the grounds got them off their hands in the streets.

I felt sick in my stomach when I saw the egregious Mrs Thatcher, whose government has been the architect of most of the North's problems pontificating at the scene.

SOCCER FANS ONLY CATTLE

Because as Simon Barnes of The Times pointed out in an excellent article in Tuesday's Australian, the people who died were victims of contempt.

Football is a working class sport, and its fans are held in contempt by the Conservative Government, by the Football Association, by the police and by the very clubs who live off them.

As far as Thatcher is concerned, supporters are there to be legislated against, as witness her attempts to ram through the infamous identity card.

The Football Association and League see nothing wrong in allowing transfer fees to spiral to obscene proportions whilst clubs provide the very minimum of comfort and safety for their fans, at the same time screwing them for every cent once they get them in the ground.

As far as police forces up and down Britain are concerned, football supporter equals hooligan, so treat them like wild animals, get them off the streets and herd them into pens where they can be controlled.

Only two years ago, Ken Bates, Chelsea's almost unbelievable Chairman had to be stopped from electrifying the top strands of his ground's perimeter fence!

After the 1946 Burnden Park disaster, the British Government passed the Safety in Sports Grounds Bill which puts limits on ground capacity, but clubs were slow to learn.

In 1971, 66 people were killed at Glasgow Rangers' Ibrox Stadium and finally the lesson was learned: now Ibrox is the best club ground in the country, almost all-seater.

So much for the tragedy itself, the question remains, what has to be done?

THE CUP WILL GO AHEAD

Late on Monday, the Football Association decided to go ahead with the playing of the '89 FA Cup subject to the agreement of the Liverpool board, which was meeting Wednesday morning our time.

If Liverpool agrees, the semi-final with Nottingham Forest will be played at Old Trafford, Manchester on Sunday, May 7.

The Final will be on May 20 between Everton and the winner of the Liverpool v Forest semi.

The Wembley authorities have offered to donate all theirFinal proceeds to the Liverpool Disaster Fund.

Of course, the feelings of the players have to be considered some of those who witnessed the scene of carnage might be turned off the game for good.

Phil Neal, Liverpool's captain at the time of the Heysel Stadium tragedy is quoted as saying that it was five weeks before he could ck a ball agair

England and Liverpool star John Barnes has already made clear his objection to Liverpool's continuing in the Cup.

And spare a thought for the Liverpool management too.

They have been through three years of misery since Heysel that must have added many grey hairs to people like Chairman John Smith and Chief Executive Peter Robinson.

The club bore the brunt of the blame for Heysel, whilst the equally culpable Juventus escaped scot-free in UEFA's squalid way of doing things.

Even if English clubs are re-admitted to Europe, don't forget Liverpool bears the burden of an additional three-year ban, (which might be reviewed, because UEFA is beginning to wake up to the fact that a European Cup competition without Liverpool is only half a Cup).

Poor Liverpool must have felt when it heard of UEFA's decision the week before that it was beginning to emerge from the shadows, now this.

People who don't know Liverpool, or for that matter, the North of England itself couldn't begin to appreciate what football means to scousers.

Thatcherism has doomed the city to a perpetual twilight of massive unemployment and on top of that the citizens of Britain's greatest seaport have had to bear the opprobrium of causing the Heysel disaster.

Talk about giving a dog a bad name, my local garage attendant's first comment as he was filling my car was "I see that Liverpool lot's been at it again".

Ten heated minutes later I think I had managed to persuade him that it wasn't Liverpool's fault, but I wonder how many other people here thought the same?

That's the cross that Liverpudlians have to carry, Everton supporters too. There are some families in Liverpool evenly divided between the Blues and the Reds and it is not inconceivable that some Everton supporters travelled gleefully back home after seeing their triumph in the other semi-final, only to learn of the death of a relative.

And finally, I hope that Australians don't get too smug and adopt the attitude that it can't happen here.

Collingwood's ground is as antiquated and as primitive as any English Fourth Division ground and if the club is successful its capacity will be strained to the limit.

As for Melbourne's NSL grounds, it can only be said that the dwindling attendances are a mercy.

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AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

Firsts

L'robe	2	V	E Rich	3
Oak U	1	V	Balwyn	1
Keilor	1	V	North U	2
Bye		V	Wav.Wand	
Coll'wd	1	V	Phillip	1
H'thorn	3	V	Diggers	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	3	2	1	0	8	5	5
North U	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
H'thorn	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Balwyn	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Phillip	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Oak U	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Coll'wd	3	1	1	1	3	7	3
Wav.Wan	2	1	0	1	6	4	2
L'robe	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keilor	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Diggers	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Reserves

L'robe U	3	V	E Rich	6
Oak U	1	V	Balwyn	7
Keilor	2	V	North U	2
Bye		V	Wav.Wand	
Coll'wd	2	V	Phillip	3
H'thon	2	V	Diggers	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Balwyn	3	3	0	0	14	3	6
Coll'wd	3	2	0	1	16	7	4
Phillip	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Wav.Wan	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
E Rich	3	2	0	1	14	10	4
North U	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
H'thon	2	0	1	1	3	8	1
Keilor	3	0	1	2	3	10	1
Diggers	3	0	1	2	9	17	1
Oak U	3	0	1	2	4	12	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L'robe	3	0	0	3	4	11	0

LEAGUE 2

Firsts

Yarra U	1	V	O Scots	2
C'corde	0	V	Mal.Uni	4
Maccabi	4	V	E.Hills	0
Furlan	1	V	Upfield	3
R.M.I.T.	3	V	D.Valley	2
C'well G	3	V	I'city	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	3	3	0	0	16	3	6
Upfield	3	3	0	0	15	2	6
O Scots	3	3	0	0	5	1	6
Mal.Uni	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Maccabi	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
Yarra U	3	1	0	2	7	7	2
I'city	3	1	0	2	5	5	2
E.Hills	3	1	0	2	9	10	2
D.Valle	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
R.M.I.T	3	1	0	2	5	11	2
Furlan	3	0	1	2	2	11	1
C'corde	3	0	0	3	1	21	0

Reserves

Yarra U	2	V	O Scots	2
C'corde	0	V	Mal.Uni	7
Maccabi	3	V	E.Hills	5
Furlan	4	V	Upfield	1
R.M.I.T.	0	V	D.Valley	2
C'well G	0	V	I'city	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
Yarra U	3	1	2	0	7	4	4
O Scots	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Upfield	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Mal.Uni	3	1	1	1	8	4	3
Furlan	3	1	1	1	7	5	3
E.Hills	2	1	1	0	6	4	3
I'city	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
D.Valle	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Maccabi	3	1	0	2	7	8	2
R.M.I.T	3	0	0	3	2	11	0
C'corde	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

NSL CUP ROUND TWO

ADELAIDE CITY 4 (Melta 33rd, 73rd, Villani 50th, T. Vidmar 88th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0
At Hindmarsh Stadium, Friday. Referee T. McRoe. Sent off Parton (GX). Cautions, Alevisos Carter, Campelj (GX).
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Santrac, Villani, A. Vicmar — Mullen (Clarkson 63rd), Maxwell (T. Vidmar 72nd). Zoran Matic.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Waddell, Morley Parton, Alevisos — Carter (Campelj 70th) Lennon, Marth, Faulkner — Hasler, Lastif. Coach John Gardiner.

MARCONI (Nastevski 18th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Ironside 39th, Phillips 61st, Polak 72nd)
At Marconi Stadium, Saturday.
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Wheatley, Gomez, De Marigny — Katholos, McCulloch, Caliguri (Colucci 75th) — Nastevski, Lowe, de Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Hooker, Dakos, Koch — Phillips, Edwards, Ironside, Polak — Saad, Lee. Coach Eddie Thomson.

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (o.g.) APIA LEICHHARDT (Blagojelvic, Hagan aet.)
At Brandon Park. Referee A. Townsend.
WOLLONGONG: Young — Skeen, Vlietstra, Giraldi, Hollilield — Morlando, Higgs, Cokely, Brodnik (Trajeski 70th) — Easthorpe, Danzo. Coach John Fleming.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — Webber, Radoslavjevic, Halliday, M. Brown — Mason, Blagojevic, Hagan Ricoy — R. Brown, Kosmina. Coach Michael Urukalo.

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DETAILS ROUND SEVEN

THOMASTOWN 1 (Athersych 76th) BOX HILL 0
At Partridge Reserve. Referee J. Rutter. Cautions Higgins, Ragusa, Dougherty (T), McArthur (B).

THOMASTOWN: Janakievski — Mihalidis, Hennessy, Higgins, Mihos — Ragusa, Athersych, Dougherty, Cristaldo — McGuinness (Sinclair 68th), McMillan (Carfora 68th). Coach Frank McAleer.
BOX HILL: McKinlay — McLeod (McMorrow 85th), Davidson, Cooper, B. Thomas — Hanley, McPhee, McArthur, Alexander — Egan (Vasilopoulos 80th), Kennedy. Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: Ragusa (T) 3, Cooper (B) 2, Janakievski (T) 1.

ALTONA GATE 2 (Micevski 49th, McMullen 62nd) NORTHCOTE CITY (Tsangas 63rd)
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee B. Grant. Cautions Tortevski, Rebakovski (A).

ALTONA GATE: Lee — Ilioski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski — Tortevski, Rebarkovski (Davis 65th), Aslimovski, Micevski (Todorovski 75th) — McMullen, Georgievski. Coach Bill Murray.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia — Bekiaris, Harris, Kouremenos, Palamariccotti — Woodall, Pantiniotis (Lazengas 75th), N. Constantinou, Thodis — Tsangas, Carroll (Panagopoulos 65th). Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: McMullen (AG) 3, Harris (N) 2, Markovski (AG) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (McBride 89th) CROYDON CITY 1 (Scott 18th)
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee R. Simonis.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds — Bingham (inj. C. Gotis 75th), Walsh, Bruns, Byrne — Doyle, Cassar, McBride, O'Donnell — Warszawski, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, Brack — van Egmond, Brown, Roodhouse, Brimmer — Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: McIntosh (C) 3, Doyle (M) 2, McBride (M) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Cocker 45th) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Drakeford 77th)
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Cautions Blackley, Wall, Davie (R) Aretis, Zolotarev (C).

RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley — Wemyss, Corvan, Verniers, Nolan — Morks, Cumming, Muir, Wall — Davie, Cocker. Coach Hans Petersen.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer — Bitsonis, Theoharous, Fattore (Rellos 86th), Kountouris — Filipou, Aretis, (Hamakiotis 70th), Drakeford, Deligiannis — Pappas, Zolotarev. Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Corvan (R) 3, Drakeford (C) 2, Wall (R) 1.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 5 (Egan 2, Belic, De Amicis, Lane) MARIBYRONG 1 (Bonk pen.)
At Olympic park, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets — Marley, Coady, Della Rocca, De Amicis — Belic, Glockner, Montemurra, Lane — Egan, Klepac (Triulcio 65th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio — Lipiarski, Innes, Nelson Blicharz — Lakic, Czapnik, Belegrinos, Baran — Bonk, De Bono. Coach Leszik Djielakowski.
Ansett best player award: Belic (J) 3, Egan (J) 2, De Amicis (J) 1.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Grimaud 20 sec.) BULLEEN 2 (Trglic 32nd, o.g. 78th)
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fokianos.

GREEN GULLY: Sant — Napoli, Cutler, Chetcuti, Hogben — Pender, Farquharson (McMillan 60th), Wilson, Grimaud — McLelland, Elsey. Coach Willie Vassalo.
BULLEEN: Roccioletti — Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Trogrlic — Milosevic, Bozikas (Avian 80th), Ruccia, Livingstone — Lujic, Incantalupo. Coach Tony Virzina.
Ansett best player award: Trogrlic (B) 3, Grimaud (GG) 2, Ruccia (B) 1.

FAWKNER 1 (Emmanuelle 83rd) ST ALBANS 3 (Morovic 20th, Pondeljak 60th, Gagula 68th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee N. Zacharaides. Sent off O'Dell (Fawk).

FAWKNER: Barba — Beattie (Emmanuele 75th), Schipano, Ferla (Ferrer 65th), Cosentino — Tuffield, Sabatino, O'Dell, Stenson — Hanna, Campbell. Coach John Colangele.
ST ALBANS: Grgic — Babic (Maretic 80th), Kuzman, Bozic, Colina — Dragovic, Kupresak, Simovic — Gagula, Morovic, Pondeljak (Culina 70th). Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Simovic (St.A) 3, Morovic (St.A) 2, Stenson (Fawk) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Bothwell 83rd)
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian — Adams, Bissinger, Reilly — S. Keenan, Findlay, Fourna, B. Keenan — Verechia (Whyte 80th), Armstrong (Livingstone 77th), Webster. Coach Gus Macleod.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies — Watson, McLeod, Drinoczy, Weir — Bothwell, Lipscombe (Post HT), Dick Miller — Stirton, Redekie. Coach Danny McMinimee.
Ansett best player award: Dick (F) 3, Bissinger (S) 2, Webster (S) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

JUVENTUS	7	5	2	0	17	4	12
ALTONA GATE	7	5	1	1	12	6	11
MORWELL F.	7	4	2	1	10	5	10
CROYDON C.	7	3	3	1	10	4	9
Caulfield City	7	4	1	2	12	9	9
St Albans	7	3	2	2	8	5	8
Northcote C.	7	3	1	3	11	10	8
Bulleen	7	3	1	3	10	11	7
Thomastown	7	3	1	3	6	7	7
Fawkner	7	2	2	3	5	9	6
Frankston P	7	2	2	3	7	13	6
Box Hill	7	1	3	3	6	9	5
Ringwood C	7	1	3	3	6	9	5
Green Gully	7	2	0	5	7	11	4
Maribyrnong	7	1	2	4	4	14	4
Springvale City	7	0	2	5	2	7	2

RESERVES RESULTS

Morwell Falcons 0 Croydon City 0
Altona Gate 3 Northcote City 0
Thomastown 0 Box Hill 0
Brunswick Juventus 4 Maribyrnong 0
Green Gully 2 Bulleen 0
Fawkner 0 St Albans 1
Ringwood City 1 Caulfield City 2
Springvale City 0 Frankston Pines 1

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	7	6	1	0	16	4	13
St Albans	7	5	1	1	15	6	11
Caulfield City	7	5	1	1	14	8	11
Juventus	7	3	3	1	18	8	9
Green Gully	7	3	2	2	17	11	8
Frankston P	7	4	0	3	12	13	8
Fawkner	7	3	1	3	8	8	7
Thomastown	6	2	3	1	6	6	7
Ringwood C	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Bulleen	7	2	2	3	9	9	6
Box Hill	7	2	2	3	7	12	6
Croydon City	7	2	1	4	11	14	5
Morwell Falc.	7	2	0	5	12	16	4
Maribyrnong	7	1	1	5	8	16	3
Springvale C	7	1	1	5	4	14	3
Northcote C	6	1	0	5	7	17	2

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Leading goalscorers

● *CHARLIE Egan...*

5. McMullen (Alt)
Egan (Juve)

4. Basara(MF)
Gagula (St.A)
Woodall(North)

3. Bonk (Mar,1 pen)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Humble (Croy)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Morovic (St.A)
Sokoluk(MF)
Tsangas (North)

2. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer(Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Filipou (Caul)
Farquharson (G.G)
Herd (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
Markovski (Alt)
Pappas (Caul)
Patterson (Juve)
Scott (Croy)
Stirton (FP)

1. Aretis (Caul)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bothwell (FP)
Carfora (Thom)
Cocker (Ring)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
Dick (FP)
Findlay (Spr)
Glockner(Juve)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Hanna (Fawk)
Harris (North)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Kennedy (Ring)
Kouremenos (North)
Klepac (Juve)
Lane (Juve)
McAleer (B.H)
McArthur (B.H)
McBride (MF)
McDonagh (FP)
McIntosh (Croy)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Micevski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve)
Nelson (Mar)
Patiniotis (North)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Sabatino (Faw)
Sweeney (F.P)
Thodis (North)
Theoharus (Caul)
Thomas (BH)
Trogrlic (Bull)
van Egmond (Croy)
Verechia (Spr)
Watson (F.P)

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ARE FALCONS FALTERING?

● Croydon a threat ●

● Green Gully looking blue ●

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11. Drakeford (Caul)

9. Byrne (Alt)
Humble (Croy)
McMullen (Alt)

8. Athersych (Thom)
Cooper (BH)
Corvan (Ring)
Harris (North)
Pender (GG)

7. Byrne (MF)
Ristovski (Alt)
van Egmond (Croy)

6. Athersych (Thom)
Belic (Juve)
Brian (B'Vale)
Czapnik (Mar)
Dick (FP)
Hord (Juve)
Lujic(Bull)
McIntosh (Croy)
Miller (FP)
Minichiello(Juve)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)

5. Brown (Croy)
Egan (Juve)
Nelson (MF)
Sokoluk (MF)
Stenson (Fawk)
Woodall (North)

4. Bonk (Mar)
Byrne (MF)
Cassar (MF)
Contini (Bull)
Culina (St.A)
McKinlay (BH)

3. Biesinger (B'vale)
Campbell (BH)
Cutler (G.G)
Dougherty (Thom)
Fattore (Caul)
Ilioski (Alt)
Innes (Mar)
Kupresak (St.A)
May (Ring)
Mihos (Thom)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Patiniotis (North)
Patricca (Fawk)
Ragusa (Thom)
Reynolds (M.F)
Ross (FP)
Watson (Pines)

2. Adams (B'vale)
Alexander (BH)
Aslimovski(Alt)
Bell (B'vale)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Blackley (Ring)
Bozic (St.A)
Brisaar (Croy)
Carroll(North)
Cocker (Ring)
Colina (St.A)
Davis (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Della Rocca (Juve)
Dragovic (St.A)
Egan (BH)
Grisaud (GG)
Krajacic (Bull)
McClelland (GG)
McGuire (Ring)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (Mar)
Patterson (Juve)
Reilly (B'vale)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Sweeney (FP)
Turudia (North)
Wilson (GG)

1. Aretis (Caul)
Barba (Fawk)
Beattie (Fawk)
Biesinger (B'Vale)
Cosentino (Fawk)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Davies (FP)
Farquharson (GG)
Filipou (Caul)
Georgievski (Alt)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Madjer (Caul)
Markovski (Alt)

TWO games this Saturday should throw a lot of light on the State League title race.

Caulfield City takes on the all-conquering Altona Gate in the afternoon, and Juventus plays host to Morwell Falcons at Olympic park at 7 pm.

Caulfield survived a torrid onslaught at Ringwood last Sunday and was happy to come away with a point, mainly because it played the wrong game.

Ringwood plays a long ball, hard-running game backed up by a pretty efficient offside trap.

It isn't pretty, but it's effective and the longer the game went on Sunday, the more frustrated and less disciplined Caulfield became.

It took a moment of inspiration from Kenny Drakeford to win it a point.

McLACHLAN SWITCH PAID OFF

IT was an inspired move too, from coach Bob McLachlan that salvaged a point for Morwell Falcons in the dying minutes of its game with Croydon City.

Falcons' small front runners were making no headway against the towering Dave McIntosh until McLachlan switched ex-Box Hill striker Jim McBride up front and in real story-book Jim snatched the equaliser.

Since beating St Albans in Round four, Falcons have picked up only two points out ofg six, but McLachlan isn't worried.

This week he will have Jimmy Nelson back after three weeks suspension and Kiwi hero Billy Wright back from helping to knock the Socceroos out of the World Cup.

Wright was still cooling his heels in Auckland, thanks to the Air Traffic Controllers strike when he should have been in Melbourne.

People keep telling me that Juventus is slow and a bit dodgy at the back and so on, but the fact remains that Juve is still unbeaten and is amassing a decent sort of goal difference.

Don't pay too much attention to last week's score, a reliable judge told me its game with Maribyrnong was so one-sided it was embarrassing.

DOES MARIBYRONG HAVE A STATE LEAGUE FUTURE?

He said that twenty minutes from the end, Rab Nelson suggested to the referee that he blow the whistle so that they could all go to the pub.

With the best will in the world, it's hard to see any future for Maribyrnong in the State League, the writing has been on the wall for some time now and given the attitude of most players there, the club might be better off in the Amateur League.

Maribyrnong's game with Bulleen has been switched to Raleigh Reserve on Saturday, incidentally.

CAULFIELD'S OVERDUE FACELIFT

Caulfield is eagerly awaiting the arrival of two new players from the UK, but meanwhile will still be hard to beat at Princes Park, which is having a face-lift, Caulfield having taken the footy dressing rooms.

At long last Caulfield Council has decided that its soccer club gives the city a better image than the minor Footy League clubs that keep appearing and then failing there. The VFL might be going from strength to strength, but have you seen the scores in the re-vamped VFA?

One team lost by 22 goals in the first round, Camberwell having managed to scratch together a team succumbed last week by 21 goals 10, whilst Prahran, lost by 19 goals 10 to Springvale.

I only mention these facts because Councils like Caulfield and Brighton have always bent over backwards to help footy clubs, and now they are beginning to see the light.

The Caulfield v Altona Gate confrontation should be a great contest between two teams with similar styles and it should provide Altona Gate with its first real test since the opening match that it lost at Morwell.

If it doesn't win Altona Gate could find itself tumbling out of the top four, because its next two games are against Croydon City and Juventus, where it won't get too much change.

GUS CAN STILL SMILE

St Albans is holding its own quite capably and coach Branko Culina has told me that he's of the opinion that Dennis Morovic is coming nicely into form now and he's also raving about 16-year-old Oliver Pondeljak, who scored against Fawkner last week.

'He's asked me not to write too much about Pondeljak, lest he gets carried away with himself . . . OK, Branko, I won't.

St Albans should account for Springvale City at home on Saturday, if form is any guide.

Springvale coach Gus MacLeod is still smiling, even though it is through gritted teeth these days.

The one ray of sunshine is the form of Robert Brian in goal, which is the main reason why 'Vale's goals against column is a mere seven goals, nine teams have conceded more.

But Springvale has got the ball in the net only twice.

"We're creating the chances, but we can't get the ball in the net," laments big genial Gus.

"But don't worry, we'll suddenly come good and some team will pay. I still have confidence in my team's ability.

"I'm lucky too that I still have the committee's backing, if this was an ethnic club I'd have been sacked by now."

IS JOHN CORVAN'S LEFT PEG INSURABLE?

The pick of Sunday's games must be the Eastside derby between Croydon and Ringwood.

Croydon has shed the defensive image it had under Miron Bleiberg and is playing attacking soccer, thanks to player-coach Ian Dobson.

It has a great find in new arrival Darren Scott and one player who is blooming now is Nick van Egmond.

If I was the Ringwood chairman, I'd insure John Corvan's left peg for heaps.

Corvan, whether from midfield or sweeper runs Ringwood, dominating in a way unequalled since the great Stefan Mila was doing it for Maribyrnong in his Rothmans Medal year.

This should be a great match, but Dobbo had better tell his boys to watch the offside trap.

Fawkner coach John Colangele thinks somebody up there has it in for his club.

When Andy O'Dell was sent off last week he was the fourth Fawkner player to be dismissed in successive weeks . . . is this a record?

I think Northcote City will carry too many guns for Coalangele's young team at John Cain on Saturday, especially as it will be fielding new signing Mike Burlak from Melbourne JUST.

Frankston Pines are on the mend, and should give Thomastown a good run for its money, whilst Box Hill and Green Gully look pretty evenly matched.

This weekend's games, probable winners in capitals: SATURDAY: Maribyrnong v **BULLEEN** at Raleigh Reserve, **CAULFIELD CITY** v Altona Gate at Princes Park, **ST ALBANS** v Springvale City at Churchill Reserve, **NORTHCOTE CITY** v Fawkner at John Cain Reserve, **JUVENTUS** v Morwell Falcons at Olympic Park (KO 7 pm).

SUNDAY: Frankston Pines v Thomastown (draw) at Monterey Park, Box Hill v Green Gully at Wembley Park, **CROYDON CITY** v Ringwood City at Town Park.

By BRIAN JAMES

All the action from the weekend's State League games

● TOP: Box Hill's Gary Egan tackled

● BELOW: Caulfield's Andy Theoharous means business.

Action from Thomastown and Ringwood Action frm Thomastown and Ringwood

● TOP MIDDLE: Craig Davidson keeping a watchful eye on Bobby McGuinness.

● TOP: John McKinlay punches clear from RussellAthersych.

● TOP: Box Hill's Stuart McArthur.

● LEFT: Andy Theoharous with Peter Cocker in hot pursuit.

● RIGHT: Caulfield's Ken Drakeford.

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LEAGUE 1

Firsts

W'mead	2	V	D'nong	0
Dove'n	2	V	M.Subs	1
M'bark	1	V	W'gte	1
Albion	2	V	Knox	0
Mord	0	V	E'don	1
B'mead	1	V	B'hse	0
W'bee	1	V	Oakl'h	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'mead	3	3	0	0	5	0	6
Albion	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
W'bee	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
E'don	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Knox	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Dove'n	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
M'bark	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
B'hse	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
W'mead	3	1	0	2	3	3	2
Oakl'h	3	1	0	2	2	4	2
Mord	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
W'gte	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
M.Subs	3	0	0	3	1	6	0
D'nong	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

Reserves

W'mead	1	V	D'nong	0
Dove'n	1	V	M.Subs	0
M'bark	7	V	W'gte	1
Albion	0	V	Knox	3
Mord	1	V	E'don	3
B'mead	0	V	B'hse	3
W'bee	2	V	Oakl'h	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	3	3	0	0	14	2	6
Knox	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
B'hse	3	2	0	1	9	6	4
W'mead	3	2	0	1	8	6	4
Dove'n	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
B'mead	3	1	1	1	8	7	3
Mord	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Albion	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Oakl'h	3	0	2	1	8	9	2
E'don	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
W'bee	3	1	0	2	4	8	2
M.Subs	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
D'nong	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
W'gte	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

LEAGUE 2

Firsts

Pt Mel	2	V	Geel	1
N.Geel	0	V	H'berg	2
R'wood	3	V	Mav.C	4
C'ton H	3	V	B'ton	2
Don Rv	1	V	Keilor	1
Coburg	1	V	R'wood	3
S'bury	1	V	Y'ville	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	3	2	1	0	11	4	5
Geel	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Pt Mel	3	2	0	1	9	5	4
Don Rv	3	1	2	0	4	1	4
C'ton H	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Mav.C	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
S'bury	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Coburg	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
R'wood	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Keilor	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
R'wond	3	1	0	2	8	8	2
Y'ville	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
B'ton	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
H'berg	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

Reserves

Pt Mel	3	V	Geel	0
N.Geel	2	V	H'berg	0
R'wond	2	V	Mav.C	0
C'ton H	1	V	B'ton	1
Don Rv	0	V	Keilor	1
Coburg	2	V	R'wood	4
S'bury	3	V	Y'ville	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
C'ton H	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
B'ton	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Pt Mel	3	2	0	1	9	4	4
R'wond	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
R'wood	3	2	0	1	7	6	4
H'berg	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Keilor	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Don Rv	3	1	0	2	5	3	2
S'bury	3	1	0	2	8	9	2
Y'ville	3	1	0	2	4	9	2
Mav.C	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Geel	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Coburg	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

LEAGUE 3

Firsts

M'bin	1	V	C'sea	1
S'ford	6	V	Altona	0
C/Geel	0	V	S'vale	0
Y'ourn	0	V	Bell Pk	2
C'inda	2	V	Holl Pk	1
H'thon	3	V	Elt/D.V	0
Lalor	1	V	M'ton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Lalor	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Holl Pk	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
C/geel	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
S'ford	3	1	1	1	8	3	3
H'thon	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
C'sea	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Elt/d.V	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
C'inda	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
M'bin	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
M'ton	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
S'vale	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Altona	3	1	0	2	6	11	2
Y'ourn	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

Reserves

M'bin	3	V	C'sea	2
S'ford	2	V	Altona	0
C/Geel	1	V	S'vale	2
Y'ourn	0	V	Bell Pk	0
C'inda	2	V	Holl Pk	1
H'thorn	1	V	Elt/D.V	4
Lalor	1	V	M'ton	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	3	3	0	0	9	5	6
S'ford	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
Elt/d.V	3	2	0	1	8	6	4
C'inda	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Holl Pk	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
M'bin	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Bell Pk	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Lalor	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Altona	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
H'thorn	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
C'sea	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
M'ton	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Y'ourn	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
C/geel	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

LEAGUE 4

Firsts

L'warr	0	V	Boronia	1
FTGully	0	V	More.Pk	1
Cl'ton	2	V	Regent	1
Brun/Iv	1	V	Bent	1
P'vale	1	V	Keysbro	1
R'anna	2	V	W'town	0
Haalyn	3	V	K'ingal	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	3	3	0	0	10	4	6
Brun/iv	3	1	2	0	7	2	4
Haalyn	3	2	0	1	11	7	4
R'anna	3	1	2	0	6	4	4
Bent	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
K'ingal	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Keysbro	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
More.Pk	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
L'warr	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Regent	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
W'town	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
P'vale	3	0	2	1	1	5	2
Boronia	3	1	0	2	1	6	2
Ftgully	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

Reserves

L'warr	0	V	Boronia	1
FTGully	1	V	More.Pk	3
Cl'ton	0	V	Regent	0
Brun/Iv	1	V	Bent	1
P'vale	4	V	Keysbro	3
R'anna	4	V	W'town	2
Haalyn	3	V	K'ingal	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Haalyn	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
More.Pk	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
K'ingal	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Regent	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Cl'ton	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Brun/iv	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Bent	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Boronia	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
L'warr	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
R'anna	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
Keysbro	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
P'vale	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
W'town	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Ftgully	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

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LEAGUE 1

Firsts

W Mead	4	V	Malvern	2
Prahran	3	V	Mav'ly	2
Berwick	4	V	E Geel	1
Oak.Sub	2	V	S'vale	4
S Yarra	4	V	N.Sun	2
Melton	2	V	B'wick	2
Mossf'	1	V	W Vale	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
Prahran	3	3	0	0	12	6	6
Melton	3	2	1	0	7	2	5
Berwick	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
N.Sun	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
B'wick	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
S Yarra	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
W Mead	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
W Vale	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Mossf'	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Oak.Sub	3	1	0	2	7	10	2
Mav'ly	3	0	0	3	4	9	0
Malvern	3	0	0	3	4	11	0
E Geel	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

Reserves

W Mead	2	V	Malvern	1
Prahran	3	V	Mav'ly	2
Berwick	3	V	E Geel	2
Oak.Sub	1	V	S'vale	2
S Yarra	1	V	N.Sun	4
Melton	2	V	B'wick	2
Mossf'	3	V	W Vale	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
N.Sun	3	2	1	0	11	3	5
Melton	3	2	1	0	11	5	5
W Mead	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Mossf'	3	2	0	1	11	5	4
Malvern	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
S'vale	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
W Vale	3	1	1	1	8	7	3
B'wick	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
S Yarra	3	0	2	1	5	8	2
Berwick	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
E Geel	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Oak.Sub	3	0	0	3	3	10	0
Mav'ly	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

LEAGUE 2

Firsts

Altona Eas	1	V	Cranb'n	1
F'kston	0	V	S S'vale	5
Uni Melb	1	V	F.Hill	1
S Dandy	3	V	Monash	1
Ball't	2	V	Glenroy	2
Ascot	1	V	Br'tons	1
Lalor	0	V	Port Un	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S S'val	3	2	1	0	10	1	5
F.Hill	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
Cranb'n	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Altona	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
S Dandy	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Ascot	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Br'tons	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Uni Mel	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Ball't	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Port Un	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Glenroy	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Lalor	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
F'kston	3	0	1	2	0	7	1
Monash	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Reserves

Altona Eas	1	V	Cranb'n	1
F'kston	2	V	S S'vale	3
Uni Melb	3	V	F.Hill	1
S Dandy	4	V	Monash	1
Ball't	4	V	Glenroy	1
Ascot	2	V	Br'tons	1
Lalor	8	V	Port Un	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	3	3	0	0	20	3	6
Ball't	3	3	0	0	13	1	6
Ascot	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
S Dandy	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
Altona	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Uni Mel	3	2	0	1	6	8	4
F'kston	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
Monash	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Cranb'n	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
S S'val	3	1	0	2	4	12	2
Glenroy	3	0	0	3	6	14	0
Br'tons	3	0	0	3	1	10	0
F.Hill	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
Port Un	3	0	0	3	3	14	0

LEAGUE 3

Firsts

Mad.Pk.	1	V	Ringw'd	1
Mitchae	2	V	Fitzroy	4
W'tirna	9	V	R'dale	1
Kew	2	V	Monbulk	1
Bataan	1	V	Carrum	1
Brandon	0	V	Lyndale	3
Nth Clayto	1	V	Altona	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Kew	3	3	0	0	8	4	6
Fitzroy	3	2	1	0	8	5	5
W'tirna	3	2	0	1	12	4	4
Mitchae	3	2	0	1	8	8	4
Monbulk	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Brandon	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Mad.Pk.	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Bataan	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Altona	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Nth Cla	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Carrum	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Ringw'd	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
R'dale	3	0	1	2	4	13	1

Reserves

Mad.Pk.	4	V	Ringw'd	2
Mitchae	3	V	Fitzroy	2
W'tirna	3	V	R'dale	2
Kew	1	V	Monbulk	3
Bataan	3	V	Carrum	0
Brandon	1	V	Lyndale	0
N.Clayton	1	V	Altona	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon	3	3	0	0	12	2	6
Lyndale	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
N.Clayt	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
Bataan	3	2	0	1	9	7	4
Kew	3	2	0	1	9	7	4
W'tirna	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Monbulk	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Ringw'd	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
R'dale	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Mad.Pk.	3	1	0	2	10	12	2
Mitchae	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Altona	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
Carrum	3	1	0	2	7	11	2
Fitzroy	3	0	0	3	2	14	0

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DIV.1 MORNING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
KINGSPORT	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
ALTONA ILLINDEN	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
APOLLO UNITED	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
SOUTH AIRLINES	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
A&I BANK	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
MONTROSE	2	1	0	1	2	6	2
MIDDLE PARK	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
THORNBURY	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
FITZMAKERS UTD	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

DIV.1 AFTERNOON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MINDOOR	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
GLENROY DOXA UTD	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
HAMPTON PARK UTD	2	2	0	0	6	4	4
FLAMINGO	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
MILK ROMANIA	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
THOMASTOWN UTD	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
YOUTH UNITED	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
COOMOORA SPIDERS	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
ROWVILLE UNITED	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
S'VALE EAGLES	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

DIV.2 MIXED

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	2	2	0	0	12	2	4
HAVANNA	2	2	0	0	11	5	4
MIDDLE EAST	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
S.S. SPURS	2	1	1	0	8	6	3
9TH K ST.HELENA	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
CASTAN ATHLETIC	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
DANDENONG CITY	2	0	1	1	5	8	1
LORDS UNITED	2	0	0	2	6	11	0
SWINBURNE	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
MELBOURNE PUMAS	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

DIV.2 AFTERNOON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FLTON FLORIDIA	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
HTH ING SPARROWS	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
KING ELIZABETH	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
SAYSUE A.T.A.	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
BONWICK UNITED	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
ELTHAM UNITED	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
KING ELIZ JAMAUBE	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
UNI. CITY BAYS	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
C.S.U.V.	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
DANDENONG UNITED	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

DIV.3 EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
LAMINCE	2	2	0	0	20	2	4
BOOLARRA TRAMWAY	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
TAXATION UNITED	2	1	1	0	7	5	3
FAIRFAX ELMOS	2	1	1	0	7	6	3
SONATEK	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
DALCAS UNITED	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
GARDEN CITY	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
MENTALL P.I.P.A.	2	0	0	2	3	16	0
ESM DEAF	2	0	0	2	5	18	0

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DIV.1 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
KINGSPORT	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
A&I BANK	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
APOLLO UNITED	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
MIDDLE PARK	2	1	0	1	7	2	2
ALTONA ILLINDEN	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
SOUTH AIRLINES	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
MONTROSE	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
FITZMAKERS UTD	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
NORTHCOTE UTD	2	0	0	2	4	11	0

DIV.1 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FLAMINGO	2	2	0	0	12	4	4
MINDOOR	2	1	1	0	6	2	3
S'VALE EAGLES	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
COOMOORA SPIDERS	2	1	0	1	9	7	2
ROWVILLE UNITED	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
MILK ROMANIA	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
THOMASTOWN UTD	2	1	0	1	3	9	2
GLENROY DOXA UTD	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
YOUTH UNITED	2	0	1	1	6	7	1
HAMPTON PARK UTD	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

DIV.2 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
LORDS UNITED	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
HAVANNA	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
MELBOURNE PUMAS	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
OAKLEIGH CITY	2	1	0	1	10	8	2
MIDDLE EAST	2	1	0	1	6	4	2
CASTAN ATHLETIC	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
SWINBURNE	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
S.S. SPURS	2	0	0	2	1	13	0
9TH K ST.HELENA	2	0	0	2	1	12	0

DIV.2 RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BONWICK UNITED	2	2	0	0	32	3	4
KING ELIZ JAMAUBE	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
UNI. CITY BAYS	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
BONWICK UNITED	2	1	1	0	3	3	3
SAYSUE A.T.A.	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
ELTHAM UNITED	2	1	0	1	1	29	2
HTH ING SPARROWS	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
C.S.U.V.	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
FLTON FLORIDIA	2	0	0	2	4	30	0
KING ELIZABETH	2	0	0	2	2	15	0

DIV.3 WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ACT STD TANZIEN	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
BY ALB WONGAKEBBS	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
K PARK HEIGHTS	2	2	1	0	4	3	3
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
KAGEEN	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
ALTONA HEIGHTS	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
KAYLOR OLD BOYS	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
SUNBURY	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
WHITTLESEA	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
WYNDHAMLAND	2	0	0	2	3	10	0

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DIV.4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SPRINGVALE W'HAVEN	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
EPPING THISTLE	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
KALKATAH O.B.	2	1	1	0	8	3	3
OLEX TAS GREAT	2	1	1	0	6	5	3
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	2	1	0	1	7	5	2
SPRINGVALE UNITED	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
FORD FALCONS	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
WYNDHAM UNITED	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
DONCASTER UNITED	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
DONCASTER CITY	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
PORT MELBOURNE	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
BURWOOD UNITED	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

ET OVER-RUNS MIGHTY DALLAS

THE unthinkable has happened. Dallas, which had not dropped a league point since August 23, 1987, was comprehensively demolished by Essendon Tramways (alias the Seventh Fleet) 4-0. To make matters worse, the defeat came on its own turf in front of adoring fans.

To be fair, it was not a one-sided match.

Our informant said: "Dallas could have scored a million times, but just couldn't find the net."

A typical example of this could-have-been champions syndrome was the luckless Ivan Matijas, who was twice set well clear with only the goalkeeper to beat, but failed on each occasion. Ivan might have got five goals, but finished up getting only the bird.

The Tramways came out with an obvious game plan which relied on soaking up everything Dallas could throw at them, and relying on the counter-attack for their infrequent forays into the Dallas area.

So successful was the tactic that, bit by bit, the renowned Dallas rhythm and teamwork fell away. Toward the end, there was virtually no cohesion in Dallas United's play. Meanwhile, because their tactics had brought early success, the Trammies stuck relentlessly to their own plan.

Disaster struck for Dallas in the 10th minute when, following a period of sustained attack, a long clearance set Manual Dacruz free, with only the goalkeeper between him and glory. Dacruz had the better of it.

The remainder of the first half followed the same pattern, Dallas launching attack after attack without success and the Tramwaymen attacking on the break. But for heroic efforts by the Dallas goalie and last man, Nick Hajnal, Dallas could have been facing much worse than the 1-0 deficity at half time.

The second half was a repeat of the first, with the sun shining brighter and brighter on Essendon Tramways, while the dark clouds over Dallas grew blacker by the minute.

At the 55th minute, Dacruz picked up his second goal ine xactly the same manner as his first. Eight minutes later, it was the turn of Bill Skubeski to repeat the dose. The resultant 3-0 score-line put an Essendon victory beyond doubt.

Of the few really skilful players in the Tramways line-up, Metin Gokoglu was a constant thorn in the Dallas flesh. Time after time it was he who swooped on desperation clearances and laid the ball off expertly to the two front runners.

Dallas was not going to quit. Every man was thrown into attack. Even the goalkeeper was frequently up by the half-way line gathering the ball and pushing Dallas back into attack.

One such forward foray proved his undoing, as a Dallas corner was cleared long, gathered by Gokoglu who laid it off quickly to Skubeski. From within his own half, with the goalkeeper stranded on the edge of the centre circle, Skubeski had only to worry about accuracy as he lobbed the ball long and watched it roll into the Dallas net to wind up proceedings 4-0 for the Trammies.

Our prediction for this weekend? Dallas will kill 'em.

Meanwhile, in the rarefied air of Division 1M, Northcote United, heroe last week after a 1-0 defeat of reigning Division 1 champion, Middle Park, were brought back to earth with a thud.

Highpoint completed its second successive demolition job, downing the Northern 5-0. For the winners Peter Milkovic and Tosko Loncar each got two.

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Our prediction for this weekend? Middle Park will bounce back; Altona Ilinden and Footscray United will continue on their winning ways.

There were few surprises in either Division Three West or Division Four. In three West, Sunbury did extremely well to hold Keilor Old Boys to a scoreless draw, while the 1-1 score-line between St Albans Dynamo and Kings Park Heights accurately reflected a real thriller.

Actually, the mind boggles at what debauchery might have taken place at Sunbury.

The taped message said: "Sunbury 0 Keilor Old Boys 0, official referee present, no send-offs, we all had a good time." What we want to know is this: "Did anyone actually take the field?"

In Division Four, Eltham Diamond Valley, bounced back from last week's defeat in downing Embassy Taxis 5-1 while both Salesian Old Boys and Alexander the Great improved on last week's draws by recording sound wins.

Sunshine Macedonia is still travelling along cosily at the top of this division.

Competition remaisn

Competition remains fierce in Division One Afternoon where several extremely good teams are vying for top honors. When clubs of the calibre of Rowville United and Springvale Eagles remain pointless in 9th and 10th position, you know automatically that they are cooking in a very hot kitchen indeed.

Current front runners are Windsor, Glenroy Doxa United and Hampton Park United, each having won their two games.

Windsor has been the most impressive, although closely pressed by Glenroy Doxa. The fact that Hampton Park has fallen in by the odd goal in both its encounters should not breed any compacency in its opposition, as this club is capable of beating anyone.

The real test of strength will come on May 7 when the Parkers and Windsor clash in what could well be the match to decide the eventual champions.

There were two outstanding matches in this round. Coomoora Spiders and Thomastown fought out a 2-all draw in a game of real quality.

Many better known clubs would have been proud to play the brand of football which these teams turned on.

Thomastown had the better of the first half, with goals by Tony Pug and Serkan Tokgoz. Both clubs are very well supported and the gallery was in a ferment of excitement as Coomoora Spiders gradually worked itself back into the game as the second half wore on.

Goals by Roussety at the 55th minute and Ithier at the 80th brought the match to level terms. Despite a final 10 minutes of high drama, neither side could find the decider.

The most pleasing feature of this match was that, despite the tension, it was played without incident, and the atmosphere between both teams and their supporters was extremely cordial.

Another game where both teams excelled in precision passing at top speed was that between Youth United and Flamingo. If the Coomoora Spiders/Thomastown match had drama, this one had drama plus.

Flamingo, taking advantage of its aerial superiority, controlled the backline for most of the match and went into a 3-1 lead early in the second half. Youth United continued to attack desperately, but without success.

Their hopes seemed sunk beyond recall when Bakyurt expressed a rather unwise opinion and received his marching orders.

But stung to new endeavour, Youth United found a better rhythm with

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State League

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (McBride 88th) CROYDON CITY 1 (Scott 19th)

Morwell Falcons snatched a point from Croydon City at Crinigan Road last Saturday in the last minute of the game.

A tactical move by Bobby McLachlan in pushing Jim McBride up front where they were sadly missing the services of Billy Wright, stranded in New Zealand due to the airlines problem, proved to be just what was needed to salvage something from a game that had seen Croyden take the initiative all day.

With only seconds remaining, Roy Walsh forced Croydon to clear over the back line and the corner was forced over for another.

Referee Rudy Simonis checked his timepiece as Effie Cassar fired the corner kick into the box for McBride to head past Mirko Runge who had no hope of saving.

Croydon were much sharper than Falcons especially in the first half and took the lead at the 19th minute when a cross from the left wing was neatly pushed back by Andy Humble for Darren Scott to slam past Dave Reynolds.

Mark Brown and Nick van Egmond tore Falcons midfield apart and but for a couple of magnificent saves by Reynolds, could have had the scoreboard really turning over.

Sean Byrne tried his hardest all day and Harry Bingham was one of the best until he clashed while clearing a Croydon break through midway into the second half.

Falcons are hoping to strengthen it's attack for this week's encounter, at Olympic Park against Juventus. JimNelson will be available and it is hoped that Billy Wright will be back from his New Zealand jaunt.

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ALTONA GATE 2 (Micevski 49th, McMullen 62nd) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Tsangas 63rd)

ALTONA Gate increased its unbeaten run to six games when it defeated Northcote City 2-1 at Paisley Reserve.

However, it made hard work of fending off Northcote's challenge, who nearly snatched a point after falling two goals down early in the second-half.

Altona played well in the first-half, succeeding in minimising Northcote's advantage of a strong wind behind it, although the same could not be said for Northcote who, after the interval, saw the game drift out of its sight.

In the 49th minute Altona broke the deadlock through Simon Micevski.

As a Northcote attack broke down, Altona reversed the situation and sped towards the opposite end, catching the Northcote side back-pedalling.

A cross from the left-wing caught theNorthcote defense short of numbers as the ball found Micevski, who slotted his effort past 'keeper Mark Tarudia and into the net.

Whilst Northcote tried to recover from the setback, Altona struck for the second time in the 62nd minute.

A wicked near-post corner was sent over by Vlade Tortevski, which was flicked over the goal-line by a Gary McMullen header. The goal brings McMullens' tally to five goals in seven outings this season, also perching him at the top of the goal-scorers list with Juventus striker Charlie Egan.

But as is the case in many a soccer game, 2-0 is considered a dangerous lead and Northcote nearly proved the theory correct as well as embarrassing the home side.

Straight from the kick-off Northcote replied, sending a warning that the match wasn't finished yet.

Stan Thodis cleverly beat two defenders and sent Nick Constantinou racing down the left wing. A first-time cross was beautifully met by a George Tsangas header.

Altona held on to its one goal lead although it could have increased it in the dying minutes of the game. Substitute Arthur Davis found himself in front of an empty net, but with his first touch of the game ballooned the ball high over the crossbar.

COSTA KOUTROPOULOS

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THOMASTOWN 1 (Athersych 76th BOX HILL 0

THOMASTOWN could consider itself a trifle fortunate to get both points from this undistinguished encounter at Partridge Reserve on Saturday.

The home side started off with a flurry that had Box Hill 'keeper John McKinlay and his defenders on the hop for about 10 minutes, but after that Thomastown seemed to find battling against the breeze too much of an effort and eased off.

After Box Hill got its collective breath back, it started to string a few passes together and by the time the halfway stage was reached, the game seemed evenly poised.

It was a different matter after the break, as Thomastown with the wind at its back took charge and had the Hillmen backpedalling.

Nevertheless, Thomastown's attack lacked bite, I thought, and coach Frank McAleer obviously concurred for he took off both George McMillan and Bobby McGuinness for Eddie Sinclair and Kevin Carfora.

He was taking a bit of a chance, Sinclair is so wee it doesn't seem fair to send him out on a windy day without lead-soled boots.

But as so often happens, eight minutes after the double substitution, Thomastown scored, but it had nothing to do with the switch.

Nino Ragusa let fly with a speculative shot from well outside the box, the ball appeared to be heading safely into McKinlay's arms, but it deflected off the side of Russell Athersych's head and took a wicked deflection into the net.

Athersych, with those trendy underpants almost down to his knees was cheeky enough to claim it too.

Box Hill coach John Brown was almost too choked to comment after the game, I think I heard him say "what a way to lose", but I could have been mistaken, whilst his opposite number, Frank McAleer contented himself with a big grin and the comment, "We left it late, didn't we?"

Talking of leaving it late, I hope they get the sheep back soon or cut the grass, otherwise they might lose Eddie Sinclair one dark afternoon up that right wing.

LES SHORROCK

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RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Cocker 40th) CAULFIELD CITY (Drakeford 77th)

IF Ringwood City could have won a game convincingly it was on Sunday against Caulfield City.

Ringwood missed so many chances for open goal you could not count them on one hand.

At least twice in the second half Peter Cocker came eye to eye with the Caulfield goalie and failed to score. But not only Cocker missed the chances.

The game started with one minute silence in memory of the victims of the Hillsborough tragedy on Saturday.

After that both sides started with attractive, attacking soccer and both goalies played an active part in it. It soon became apparent that Ringwood was the better side on the day.

Newly-signed Ringwood player John Wall played very well up front and showed much promise for the future. The reward came five minutes from interval when goal-keeper Madjer could not control a very good shot by John Davie and Cocker was on hand to tap the ball over the goal-line: 1-0.

Ringwood attacked very strongly in the second half and it was amazing that no goals were scored. The few counter attacks were always full of danger, especially when Drakeford was involved. He caused turmoil in the Ringwood defence 20 minutes into the second half when referee Jim Fearn awarded an indirect free kick only 10 metres from the goal.

But Ringwood survived this ordeal and should have scored in the counter attack.

Ringwood kept up the pressure for a second goal but a goal came on the other side when Drakeford very nicely vollied a pass from the left in the top of the net: 1-1.

This inspired Caulfield but without further scoring. The side took a lucky point out of this encounter.

HANS LECHNER

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Victorian League

DIVISION ONE

MOOROOLBARK was looking for its first win over old rival Westgate when it played at home again last weekend.

For the past three seasons Westgate has proved to be the one team the Barkers were unable to defeat.

No matter how hard they tried, luck has not been on their side.

On Saturday the Barkers started by pressing hard for an early goal. The first 10 minutes of play saw Westgate defending desperately.

Westgate began to come into the game and looked dangerous at times.

But the Barkers defence held out with good play by Ian Flawn and Kees Storm. Play was swinging from end to end when finally, right on halt time, Nick Van Denberg swooped on a half chance and scored to put Westgate ahead.

The start of the second half saw the Barkers pressing hard to get on level terms.

Greg Howsp and Steve Reid lifted their game and were causing the Westgate defence a lot of trouble.

The Barkers' chance came when John Nyholt and Steve Reid combined to split the Westgate defence.

The keeper could only manage to push the ball out to Barry Burton who passed it to Housl who slotted the ball home for a much needed goal.

The remaining 20 minutes saw the Barkers press hard but once again they had to be content with a draw. The Barkers' fans, even though a little disappointed, were treated to a very entertaining game and the side is still undefeated so far this season.

The best players for the Barkers were Ian Flown and Greg House. Next Sunday the Barkers play away to Western Suburbs.

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Division Two

RICHMOND WAVERLEY CITY

Richmond: M. Posar, T. Sammuum, M. Papanticolaou, K. McClean, K. Werner, B. Giannios, S. Gabriel, J. Dimeski, P. O'Connor, M. Eideh, T. Papanicolaou, C. Gourlias, V. Fasanella.

GEELONG SOCCER

By ROY HAY

NORTH Geelong recorded one of the most extraordinary results of the season with an eight-two demolition of Heidelberg City in Division Two of the Victorian League.

North led two-nil within weven minutes, whereupon Heidelberg had a player sent off and the roof caved in on the luckless visitors.

"Everything worked for us, but we must ensure that we do not become cocky because of this one good result," said team manager, Steve Horvat.

North's scorers were Ivan Skoko and Danny Ward, each with two, Frank Music, Robert Cosic from a penalty, Patrick Alilovic, with a typical controlled free kick and Kevin Nightingall.

Geelong, the League leader, found the absence of two more first team players too much and went down two-one away to Port Melbourne. Mel Jones came straight off the plane from England to score for Geelong but this was not enough to save his team from its first defeat.

Bell Park continue to lead Division Three after a comfortable two-nil win at Yallourn.

Mick Oppermann's cross was fired goalwards by John Coutts after four minutes, and Tommy Cumming got his head on the shot to make certain.

The second goal came 55 seconds after the break as Cumming touched a free kick to Steve Scerri who placed it in the bottom right hand corner.

Raji Umit and Glen Kirstine had Yallourn's best chances, but neither could beat an inspired Gary Walker.

Corio-Geelong United had its second successive goal-less draw at home, this time to Springvale United.

The visitors came for a point and left with it,w as how it was described to me.

InDivision Four, Hamlyn Rangers good run continued with a three-nil win over Karingal United. Darren Nelson, David Walmsley and Stephen McAuliffe made sure of the points.

East Geelong crashed four-one away to Berwick in the Provisional League. Down two-nil, East hit back for Will Talev to score. For twenty minutes thereafter it seemed that East was certain to get on terms, but Berwick weathered this spell and added two more goals.

Ashley McIntyre's goal gave Brintons a one-all draw against Ascot St Marks, leaving Brintons still looking for its first win against their rivals of the last few seasons.

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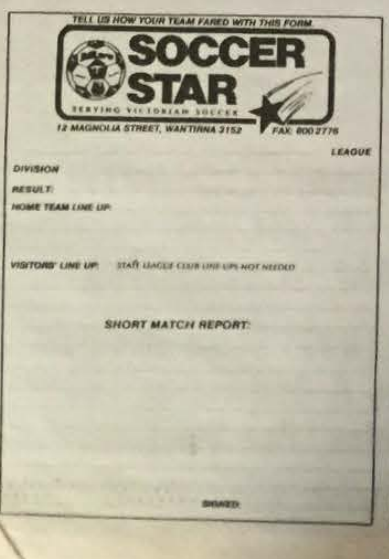

How Your Team Fared — From Page 12.

Waverley City: D. Bradley, P. Strahan. A. Perree, C. Tsapatolis, A. Wilson, P. Storey, T. Grimwade, R. Parkin, G. Radcliffe, M. Budd, S. Rismir, A. Nelson, K. Patterson, C. Wyhte, C. Pavlou.

This game turned out to be a see-saw battle from start to finish with both sides trying to play attacking football.

The game really came alive in the 23rd inute when Richmond bombarded the Waverley goal from all angles and in the end the ball fell to Giannios who put his side ahead.

Waverley, as in other weeks, came back and coach Ian Williamson made a substitution bringing on Alec Nelson signed from Ringwood Utd for Parkin, the change had the desired effect when Grimwade placed the ball into the path of Radcliffe who made no mistake to put Waverley on level terms.

The score stayed like this until one minute into the second half when again Richmond took the lead when Dimeski scored from an acute angle, the ball hitting the inside of the post before entering the net.

Ten minutes later Waverley were again on level terms when fullback Anthony Perree met a corner from Grimwade and his powerful header hit the back of the net.

Waverley came looking for the winner and both Radcliffe and Budd went close but it was the latter who was to put Waverley into the lead for the first time in the game. Waverley gained a free kick just outside the penalty area and it was laid into the path of Wilson who was enjoying his new-found freedom after being moved into the midfield.

He then laid the ball across the six metre box and with two Waverley players waiting it was Michael Budd who placed the ball into the net.

Gary Radcliffe was on hand again to put Waverley further ahead 10 minutes later and most thought the game was all over but then a long ball upfield looked to be in the arms of goalkeeper Bradley but substitute Gourlias came running at him and he spilled the ball into the path of Gourlias who put it into the net and Richmond was only one behind again.

Waverley should have scored again Radcliffe just missing his hatrick and in the last minute Paul Storey was put away on the left but elected to shoot when he had two players better placed.

ERIC RICHARDSON

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Division Three

HAWTHORN 3 (Stamatelos, Tangalos 66th, Tzelili 89th) ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY 0

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Atkins, Ferla (Crompton 80m), Giacomi, Love, Milenkovic, Tucker, Petrucelli, Coyle, Briggs (Ritter 63m), Hodgson.

Hawthorn: Stamos, Barberoglou, Liakopoulos, Palantinis, Tzelili, Apidopoulos, Tangalos, Ganas, Stavrellis, Stamatelos, Argitis, Lazopoulos, Davatzis, Anagnostou.

Hawthorn convincingly won this game when it pressured a lethargic Valley for the full 90 minutes and took whatever chances arose.

Stamatelos opened the scoring in the minute, taking advantage of slack defensive play.

Valley fought back and Coyle and Giacomi combined to set up a chance for Milenkovic, whose shot was just too high.

there was little between the teams, but Valley lost the ball too easily and was caught out time after time. upfield when attacks broke down and the speedy Hawthorn midfield and forwards counter attacked.

Valley was on the attack for the first 20 minutes of the second half, but all was lost when a mix up between Coyle and Love let Tangalos through for the home side's second.

Valley's misery was completed one minute from time when Milenkovic was sent off for a deliberate handball, his second caution and Tzelili converted the resultant penalty kick.

GORDON KIRKWOOD

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Division Vic League 3

CLARINDA 2
HOLLAND PARK 1

A. Christoforidis, H. Kondos, (B. Psevdoikonomou), A. Psevdoikonomou, S. Kostoglou, P. Papalazarou, T. Karoulias, T. Koutsikos (J. Ougrinis), C. Koziaris, J. Tsakiris, D. Nitsikas, A. Apostolopoulos.

Clainda went into this game with a feeling of anxiety, knowing that in the past they had been playing good football but the results would not come their way.

In the first half theywent out and attacked the opposition from every angle and because of this found themselves 2.0 up.

The scorers were Jimmy Tsakiris, and Con Koziaris, with a bit of luck, the score could have been much higher.

In the second half, Clarinda decided to close up and defend the score.

They did this with great purpose and flair. But to some degree it did allow Holland Park to lift its game and peg one goal right on the last five minutes of the game.

All in all, it was a great effort by the young boys.

At last their enthusiastic attacking style of football has paid off.

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Division Four

LANGWARRIN 0 BORONIA 1

LANGWARRIN was on top of Boronia from the first whistle to the last, but incredibly Boronia escaped with a 1-0 victory.

The winning goal came after 12 minutes, when a corner kick was misjudged by Langwarrin keeper Donald and was firmly headed home by Forbes to give Boronia the lead.

Time and again it looked as if Langwarrin would score but it was thwarted by the woodwork on no less than five occasions, and had two or three efforts kicked off the line.

The pattern continued for the remainder of the match, Boronia defending desperately, Langwarrin suffering from a mixture of bad luck and bad finishing, in the end an amazing victory for Boronia which in all fairness, should have been on the wrongend of a five-goal drubbing but held on to win 1-0.

DAVE KING

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Provisional League

DIVISION TWO

Division Two

SOUTH DANDENONG 3 v MONASH UNIVERSITY 1
Home Team: R. Memishi, R. Lumani.

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Visitors: S. Thanakodi, P. Moro (M. Edwards-15 min.), J. Papadimitriou, I. Nathan, N. Nassios, C. Porteous, S. Dharmaratnam, J. Yong, (K. Tranter-87 min.), P. Taylor, P. Trabanc, J. Liapis.

South Dandenong shook off the lethargy of the previous week to turn in a more creditable performance against Monash University.

While still some way short of the cohesive combination that made them the State's leading goal scorers of last season, their commitment in this game left nothing to be desired.

It seemed a little hard on the University to concede a penalty for a hand ball against Nassios early in the game and Jusic's spot kick gave Thanakodi no chance. Seven minutes later South added a second when a left wing cross from Sepetci fell loose to Jim Elmazovski who scored from close in.

Taylor gave Liapis a great chance to put Monash back in the game but a fine reflex action save by Memishi put paid to that.

In quick succession there were close calls at both ends as first Jim Elmazovski's shot on the turn was cleared off the goal line and Jusic did likewise for the home side when he denied Yong's fine effort.

Monash, always dangerous on the break, gave the South defence some anxious moments but it was Dandenong that went further ahead two minutes into injury time in the first half.

A long ball from Sam Elmazovski found winger Sepetci who juggled his way past two players to tap the ball home. Ten minutes into the second half Monash gained a penalty for a Lumani hand ball.

Memishi parried Yong's shot and Taylor ballooned the rebound over the bar. When Dogan brought down Liapis, Nassios made no mistake from the spot.

Monash never gave up but South just had the edge in this game.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Wrexham 0, Scarborough 1 Scunthorpe 0. Played yesterday: Crewe 3 Rochdale 1, Doncaster 2 Stockport 2, Halifax 0 York 0.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tranmere	19	15	7	55	28	72
Crewe	20	12	8	56	39	72
Bristol	19	12	9	49	33	69
S Shrewsbur	19	12	10	69	32	69
Scarborough	18	14	7	50	45	68
Lev Orient	19	10	12	58	42	67
Cambridge	18	11	13	63	56	59
Wrexham	19	13	11	66	58	58
Lincoln	16	9	16	60	56	57
Exeter	16	8	18	58	60	54
Grimsby	13	14	13	52	51	53
York	14	11	14	51	53	53
Torquay	15	8	15	40	45	53
Carlisle	13	13	14	46	45	52
Hereford	12	15	14	56	60	51
Stockport	10	20	11	50	42	50
Burnley	12	12	16	43	49	48
Doncaster	13	9	19	46	67	48
Halifax	13	8	19	53	63	47
Hartlepool	13	8	20	46	70	47
Rochdale	12	10	18	49	75	46
P borough	11	11	18	43	67	44
Darlington	6	16	17	44	64	36
Colchester	7	13	20	45	72	34

Scottish F.A. Cup semi-final: Rangers 0 St Johnstone 0 (at Celtic Park). Playing tomorrow: Celtic v Hibernian.

Premier div: Aberdeen 3 Hamilton 0, Dundee 2 Hearts 1. Postponed: Hibernian v St Mirren, Motherwell v Celtic, Rangers v Dundee Utd.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Rangers	22	4	5	62	22	48
Aberdeen	17	12	3	48	24	46
Dund Utd	15	10	6	41	21	40
Celtic	18	2	11	62	42	38
Hibernian	11	8	12	31	32	30
St Mirren	11	7	13	36	40	29
Hearts	8	11	13	33	37	27
Dundee	9	9	15	30	43	25
M well	6	10	16	29	42	22
Hamilton	4	2	26	16	71	10

Div 1: Dunfermline 1 Morton 0, Falkirk 3 Clyde 1, Forfar 1 Clydebank 2, Kilmarnock 1 Raith 2, Partick 2 Meadowbank 1, Queen of the South 1 Arr 2. Postponed: Ninewomans v St Johnstone.

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Falkirk	18	7	8	61	31	43
A fans	16	11	6	59	33	43
Clydebank	15	11	8	49	35	41
St Johns	14	11	9	49	35	39
Morton	14	9	12	41	43	37
Raith	11	11	12	41	43	33
Forfar	9	15	11	46	47	33
Partick	12	9	14	50	53	33
K marnock	11	10	14	42	50	32
Arr	9	13	13	51	58	31
M bank	10	9	16	51	48	29
Clyde	6	15	14	42	50	27
Q of Sth	7	8	25	35	82	16

Div 2: Berwick 3 Cowdenbeath 0, Dumbarton 1 Brechin 0, East Fife 1 Stenhousemuir 1, East Stirling 2 Alloa 2, Montrose 1 Arbroath 1, Stirling 0 Albion 0, Stranraer 2 Queen's Park 3.

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Albion	19	9	9	59	43	65
Brechin	18	10	9	57	45	64
Arbroa	14	12	11	57	45	59
East Fife	13	13	10	52	48	59
Stirling	12	12	12	48	50	54
Q s Park	10	14	12	47	43	54
Stenhouse	14	7	15	46	44	52
Montrose	11	10	14	51	55	51
E Stirling	11	9	16	44	51	49
Berwick	11	11	14	46	49	49
Dumbarton	11	11	14	46	49	49
Cowdenbeath	11	10	15	51	58	48
Stranraer	9	11	16	43	55	47
Alloa	9	11	15	45	53	47
Arbroath	7	10	18	37	54	34

Goal League: Boston 0 Kingstonian 1, Bromley 0 Grays 0, Carshalton 0 Harrow 1, Peterborough 5 Croydon 1, Hayes 2 Leatherhead 0, Hendon 1 Dulwich 1.

Northern Irish League: Ballymena 2 Newry 2, Cliftonville 0 Bangor 1, Glentoran 3 Glenavon 0, Linfield 1 Glentoran 0, Portadown 1 Larne 1 Carrick 1.

English – F.A. Cup semi-finals: Everton 1 Norwich 0 (at Villa Park), Liverpool 0 Nottingham Forest 0 (at Hillsborough, match abandoned after seven minutes).

Div 1: Arsenal 1 Newcastle 0, Luton 2 Coventry 2, Manchester United 0 Derby 0, Queens Park Rangers 0 Middlesbrough 0, West Ham 1 Southampton 2 (postponed from March 18), Wimbledon 1 Tottenham 2. Postponed: Aston Villa v Southampton, Everton v Charlton, Nottingham Forest v West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich.

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Tottenham	13	12	10	53	44	51
Millwall	14	9	10	44	38	51
Coventry	13	11	10	43	36	50
Derby	14	7	11	35	29	49
Wimbledon	13	7	12	43	40	46
Manch Utd	11	12	8	38	26	45
Everton	11	11	10	43	40	44
Q's PR	10	11	12	35	33	41
M brough	9	11	14	40	54	38
Sheff Wed	9	11	14	31	46	38
Aston Villa	9	10	14	39	46	37
S hampton	8	12	13	47	53	36
Charlton	7	12	13	37	48	33
Luton	7	10	16	33	49	31
Newcastle	7	8	17	30	54	29
West Ham	5	9	19	25	52	23

Div 2: Barnsley 0 Birmingham 0, Blackburn 4 Manchester City 0, Bournemouth 0 Stoke 1, Bradford 2 Ipswich 2, Crystal Palace 2 Portsmouth 0, Leeds 1 Brighton 0, Leicester 2 Chelsea 0, Oldham 2 Sunderland 2, Shrewsbury 2 Oxford 2, Swindon 1 Watford 1, Walsall 1 Hull 1, West Bromwich 2 Plymouth 2.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea	25	11	5	86	45	86
Man City	23	10	9	67	44	79
Blackburn	19	10	11	67	34	67
Crys Pal	19	10	10	60	44	67
West Brom	16	17	8	60	38	65
Watford	18	11	11	60	46	65
Leeds	15	14	12	52	44	59
Swindon	15	14	10	55	48	59
Barnsley	15	14	11	55	52	59
Ipswich	14	7	17	51	60	50
Stoke	15	12	13	52	52	57
B mouth	14	13	13	54	53	55
Leicester	13	14	14	48	53	53
S field	13	13	14	56	59	52
Oxford	13	13	14	56	59	52
P mouth	13	12	16	49	51	51
Brighton	14	9	17	50	53	51
Portland	13	10	17	48	58	49
Plymouth	13	10	17	46	58	49
Oldham	11	12	17	54	61	45
Hull	11	12	16	50	61	45
S hurs	9	13	18	39	60	40
Walsall	8	15	17	40	62	39
B mingham	5	17	24	25	64	26

Div 3: Aldershot 1 Wolverhampton 2, Brentford 2 Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 1 Blackpool 2, Bury 1 Cardiff 0, Chesterfield 1 Port Vale 2, Fulham 1 Bolton 1, Gillingham 3 Mansfield 0, Huddersfield 3 Chester 1, Northampton 1 Sheffield United 2, Preston 3 Notts County 0, Swansea 1 Wigan 2. Played today: Southend 2 Reading 1.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
W tam	24	9	6	94	40	81
Port Vale	21	10	8	65	43	73
South Utd	22	7	10	79	45	73
Brig Rov	18	13	8	62	43	67
Fulham	19	7	14	63	52	64
Preston	17	12	12	73	53	63
Chester	18	11	13	58	55	59
Brentford	18	10	13	58	48	58
H field	16	9	15	58	56	57
Bury	16	10	15	54	63	58
Swansea	14	12	14	47	49	54
Notts Cnty	14	11	15	51	50	53
Reading	14	11	15	51	59	53
Brist City	14	9	17	51	59	51
Mansfield	12	14	14	42	48	50
Bolton	12	13	14	45	50	49
Cardiff	12	12	15	50	55	48
Southend	12	12	15	50	55	48
N tam	14	9	17	50	58	48
C field	10	12	17	44	51	42
Blackpool	10	12	17	44	51	42
Wigan	10	10	17	42	60	40
Gillingham	10	4	21	37	70	34
Aldershot	7	12	21	45	70	33

Div 4: Burnley 0 Darlington 1, Carlisle 1 Cambridge 1, Exeter 0 Rotherham 0, Grimsby 1 Hereford 1, Hartlepool 2 Tranmere 3, Leyton Orient 3 Torquay 1, Lincoln 1 Colchester 1, Peterborough 1

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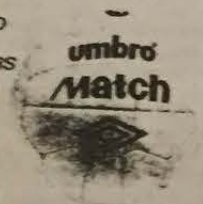

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10 men than they had had with a full complement.

In the 10 minutes remaining from the dismissal, they attacked in strength and this time remembered to keep the ball on the ground. The score became 3-2 at the 85th minute and then, with only 40 seconds to play, Youth United salvaged a point from a seemingly impossible situation.

Best players on the ground were the respective goalkeepers, Hasan Cansiz for Youth United and Jose Nayna for Flamingo.

Division 2M, the mixed time division, is also providing a measure of excitement. Tottenham still heads the civision on goal difference from Harambee and Middle East. Both the Africans and the mid-Easterners are rapidly getting their acts together and look likely to provide formidable opposition to the classy Tottenham combination.

A minor surprise packet in SB Spurs, which has picked up three points from its two encounters, and might yet prove to be the proverbial dark horse. Cretan Athletic also got on to the scoreboard with a handsome 3-0 win over Swinburne, and could well figure prominently at the finish.

Elwood United Reserves have done it again, this time to the tune of 15-2 at the expense of the hapless Northern Timorese Reserves. For the winners Buljevic, Bleszkany and Seri each notched a hat-trick while Jurina knocked in four.

Another man with his scoring boots on in this round was Sam Ioannidis, who scored all four goals for Windsor in its victory over Rowville United.

STATE LEAGUE

Saturday

M'BYRNONG v BULLEEN P/A (Home) .....
CAULFIELD CITY v ALTONA GATE .....
ST ALBANS V SPRINGVALE CITY .....
NORTHCOTE CITY v FAWKNER.....
BU JUVENTUS v MORWELL FALCONS.....
Kick off 7.00 pm

Sunday

FRANKSTON PINES v THOMASTOWN.....
BOX HILL v GREEN GULLY.....
CROYDON CITY v RINGWOOD CITY.....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE

Division One — Saturday

OAKLEIGH v DOVETON.....
SANDRINGHAM CITY v WERRIBEE.....
ESSENDON C v BROADMEADOWS C.....
WESTGATE v ALBION.....
DANDENONG v MORDIALLOC.....
KNOX CITY v NUNAWADING CITY.....

Sunday

WESTERN SUBURBS v MOOROOLBARK ....

Division Two

HEIDELBERG CITY v RICHMOND .....
YARRAVILLE v NORTH GEELONG .....
RINGWOOD UNITED v SUNBURY UNITED...
KEILOR v COBURG.....
WAVERLEY CITY v CLIFTON HILL.....
GEELONG v DONCASTER ROVERS.....
BRIGHTON v PORT MELB.....

Division Three — Saturday

ALTONA CITY v CORIO/GEELONG UTD.....
MORNINGTON v SEAFORD UNITED.....
ELTHAM/DIAMOND V/UTD v LALOR UN ....
HOLLAND PARK v HAWTHORN.....
SPRINGV UN v YALLOURN.....
CHELSEA v CLARINDA.....
BELL PARK v MOORABBIN CITY.....

Division Four — Saturday

MORELAND PARK RANGERS v CLAYTON ...
KARINGAL UN v FERNTREE GULLY.....
WILLIAMSTOWN v HAMLYN RANGERS.....
KEYSBOROUGH v ROSANNA.....
REGENT v E. BRUNS/IVANHOE C.....
BORONIA v PASCOE VALE .....
BENTLEIGH GREENS v LANGWARRIN.....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Division One — Saturday

WAVERLEY UTD v BERWICK CITY.....
WESTVALE v PRAHRAN.....
BRUNSWICK CITY v MOSSFIEL RANGERS....
Dunstand Res., Peacock Street, West Brunswick
NORTH SUNSHINE v MELTON.....
EAST GEELONG v OAKLEIGH SUBURBS ....
MALVERN CITY v SOUTH YARRA.....
SPRINGVALE CONDORS v WESTMEADOWS...

Division Two — Saturday

SOUTH SPRINGV v UNI OF MELB.....
PORT UN v FRANKSTON UNITED.....
BRINTONS v LALOR.....
GLENROY v ASCOT ST MARKS.....
FOREST HILL v STH DANDENONG .....
CRANBOURNE v BALLARAT .....
MONASH UNI. v ALTONA EAST .....

Division Three — Saturday

FITZROY CITY v WANTIRNA.....
ALTONA UNITED v MITCHAM CITY.....
LYNDALE UNITED v NORTH CLAYTON.....
CARRUM UN v BRANDON PARK.....
RIVERSDALE v KEW EAGLES.....
RINGWOOD ROVERS v BATMAN UN.....
MONBULK v MEADOW PARK.....

INDUSTRIAL & AMATEUR LEAGUE

Division One Morning

ANZ Bank v ALTONA ILINDEN .....
AUST. AIRLINES v APOLLO UN.....
FIBREMAKERS UTD v MONTROSE.....
HIGHPOINT v MIDDLE PARK .....
NORTHCOTE UTD v FOOTSCRAY UN.....

Division One — Afternoon

COOMOORA SPIDERS v HAMPTON PARK UTD .....
FLAMINGO v S'VALE EAGLES.....
GLENROY DOXA UTD v ROWV UN.....
THOMASTOWN UTD v YOUTH UNITED .....
WINDSOR v MELB. RUMANIA .....

Division 2 Mixed

Melbourne Pumas 2 Harambee 6 (2-4); Middle East 3 Nth X St Helena 1 (6-1); SB Spurs 5 Leros United 3 (2-3); Swinburne 0 Cretan Athletic 3 (2-3); Tottenham 5 Oakleigh City 2 (7-0).

Division 2 Afternoon

Nth Timorese 3 Elwood United 2 (2-15); Oak. City Bays 0 Berwick United 2 (3-3); KBRO Blue Danube 2 Bayside ATA 0 (3-0); Dandenong United 0 Fl'ton Floridia 7 (5-3); CSUV 1 Nth Dng Sparrows 3 (2-2).

Division 3 East

Dallas United 0 Essendon Tramway 4; Kew Deaf 0 Keeley Kings 4; Preston Tramways 3 Garden City 2; Taxation United 4 Bowater 2; Westall PIPA 0 Laminex 10.

Division 3 West

Ardeer 1 Altona Heights 2; Nippondenso 1 St Alb Wanderers 5; St Albans Dynamo 1 K Park Heights 1; Sunbury 0 Keilor Old Boys 0; Whittlesea 0 Alt Nth Tarxien 4.

Division 4

Dingley United 2 Salesian OB 5; Eltham/D. Valley 5 Embassy Taxis 1; Endeavour United 1 Epping Thistle 3; Ford Falcons 2 Alex The Great 4; Sunshine United 0 Sunshine M'donia 5.

ROUND 2 RESULTS

Division 1 Morning

Apollo United 4 ANZ Bank 1 (1-1); Footscray United 1 Fibremakers Utd 0 (2-1); Highpoint 5 Northcote UTD 0 (4-0); Middle Park 0 Altona Ilinden 1 (0-2); Montrose 2 Australian Airlines 4 (1-1).

Division 1 Afternoon

Coomoora Spiders 2 Thomastown UTD 2 (8-1); Hampton Park Utd 2 Melb. Rumania 1 (1-2); Rowville United 1 Windsor 4 (1-5); S'vale Eagles 1 Glenroy Doxa Utd 4 (1-0); Youth United 3 Flamingo 3 (3-6).

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Everton's joy evaporates

EVERTON manager Colin Harvey's joy was shattered on Saturday.

After guiding his team to the English Football Association Cup final he heard the grim details of the Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield.

Having watched Everton beat Norwich 1-0 in a tight, tense and competitive semi-final at Villa Park, Birmingham, Harvey had every right to celebrate his first chance of real success since succeeding Howard Kendall as manager in 1987.

But the news of more than 90 deaths at the second semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest left him grim-faced as he tried to come to terms with his mixed emotions on what is usually a showpiece day in the English soccer calendar.

"It is terrible," said Harvey, whose entire career has been linked with Everton and its Merseyside rivalry with Liverpool.

"Everyone is very sad. We came off full of the joys of spring and then we heard all about it.

"It takes the edge off everything. These are people we know — perhaps friends of people who have played today."

A 26th minute goal by Scottish international winger Pat Nevin, scrambled in after Norwich midfielder Ian Crook had sliced a clearance against the bar, settled the match.

Norwich manager Dave Stringer, whose team's championship challenge had dwindled with four defeats in the previous five games, had difficulty finding words to express his feelings about the Hillsborough tragedy.

But he said: "It is a sad day for football. I don't think any words can say how people feel. You just can't describe the feeling."

After delighting fans all over England with its stylish passing game throughout the season, Norwich looks like finishing the season with nothing while Everton contemplates a possible all-Merseyside Cup final clash with Liverpool at Wembley.

Stringer said: "It's very disappointing for us. The players put in a sound performance but we didn't get the breaks. We came out with a lot of credit, played some good football, but rarely got our shots on target."

Norwich badly missed captain and midfield playmaker Michael Phelan and Scottish striker Robert Fleck on a day when it needed their guile and experience. Phelan was out with a hamstring injury and Fleck because his father died suddenly last Friday.

Everton, by contrast, was able to recall England defender Dave Watson and striker Tony Cottee — decisions Harvey admitted he had found difficult to make.

He said: "I don't like to say I was right. The two I left out could well have deserved to stay in. It was probably just an instinct thing — I made up my mind late on Friday night after a large brandy."

There were muted celebrations too at Arsenal after the London club's 1-0 win over Newcastle lifted it three points clear of Liverpool at the top of the first division. Winger Brian Marwood scored the only goal after 70 minutes.

In Scotland, Rangers and St Johnstone drew 0-0 in their Scottish Cup semi-final tie.

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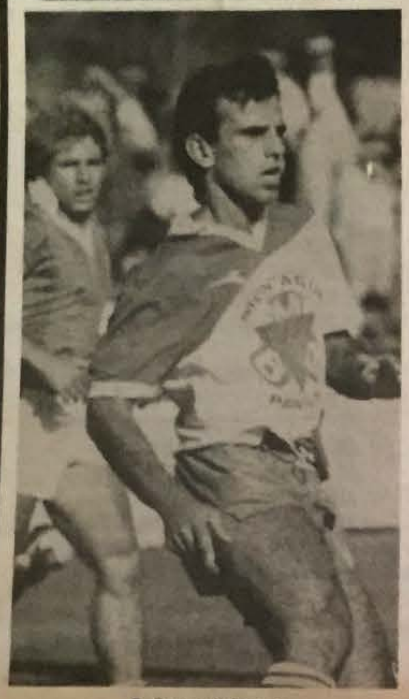
NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



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Victorian League: Video Busters 16 d B. Bros 8; Gunga Royds 13 d Keyser 6; Shmocks 11 d AFP Sports 3.

Buffalo League: Gold Medal 8 d Greeks B. 6; Muff Utd 14 d Hellenics 13; MTC 8 d Flamengo 6.

Industrial League: Jonses 15 d Jufitsu 10; B. Breakers 9 d Mr M. Martyrs 9; Gigolos 9 d Stones 8; Grasshoppers 11 d Ital. Rous 10.

Youth League: Marazico 11 d Rumours 8; Mack Six 15 d Red Devils 13; UN 23 d 6 Ligaments 2.

Super League: Sharks 11 d Revivalists 8; Firebirds 19 d Jets 6; Untouchables 8 d Slammers 0.

Provisional League: Lebanese Guys 13 d Angils 7; Ceder 25 d Bananas 5; Brunswick ISS 17 d Adelaide 2.

Cannon League: Crushers 10 d Lavtaros 9; Apollo Sharks 8 d Cadillacs 5.

State League: Vic. Force 13 d C. Cruisers 9; Foundation 12 d Demo Squad 6.

Metropolitan League: EC Reunited 18 d Cockroaches 12; Originals 14 d Dimaggio 10; Partouza Boys 16 d Brunt. Rams 8.

ISS League: Awesome 77 d Boys 7; Unknowns 15 d Strikers 7; MCV 8 d DSAB 0.

Junior League A: Arsenal Jnr 9 d Olympians 6; H. Hooligans 19 d W. Germany 9; M. Mates 24 d Strike Force 5.

Junior League B: PSV Jnr 13 d Penarol Juve 10; Falcons 11 d Doza Fly 8; Magnum Force 8 d Eagles 0; Pontians 14 d Lebo Jnr 8.

World Cup: Lebanon 11 d Britain 5; Greece I 8 dr Italy 8; Greece II 15 d ROW 9.